As reported by ONGC, its average production of crude oil and its average cost of production during the last 3 years (1999-2000 to 2001-02), region-wise, are as follows:—

Region	Average production from 1999—2002 (MMT per annum)	Average cost of production of crude oil from 1999—2002 (RS/MT)
Mumbai	16.459	3,581
Western	5.807	3,849
Eastern	1.872	6,309
Southern	0.646	4,840

MMT: Million Metric Tonne
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Profits Earned in Post-APM regime by oil companies

†1325. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the net profit earned by the Petroleum Companies of the country has increased after the withdrawal of Administrative Price mechanism system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the increase in the net profit in first nine months of the year 2002-2003 in comparison to nine months period of previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR):(a) to (c) The profitability of oil PSUs depends on a large number of factors which include important elements like price of crude in international market, price of petroleum products in the domestic market, efficiency of the PSUs to generate margins etc. The details of profits earned by oil companies during the first nine months of the current year, *vis-a-vis* previous year are given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Profits earned in post-APM Regime by oil companies.

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of oil company	Net profit/loss (-) during April to December, 2001-2002	Net profit/loss(-) during April to December, 2002-2003	Increase/ decrease (-) in Profits
ONGC	4533.00	6851.00	2318.00
OIL	375.46	560.63	185.17
GAIL	850.00	1076.00	226.00
IOC	1587.22	3915.24	2328.02
HPCL	363.07	903.24	540.17
BPCL	476.65	802.63	325.98
IBP	112.86	49.80	(-) 63.06
CPCL	(-) 15.78	77.55	77.55
NRL	42.68	91.94	49.26
KRL	42.62	165.35	122.73
BRPL	(-) 115.30	69.05	69.05

Black marketing of LPG by depots

1326. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many LPG depots in the country are indulging in black marketing of LPG;

(b) if so, whether any such cases have been unearthed by the Vigilance Department under his Ministry;